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extracellular domain of the human new gene product, said product being detectable in a biological fluid by its immunoreactivity with a monoclonal antibody or immunoreactive fragment thereof produced by a hybridoma cell line of any of claims 16, 17 or 18.

26. (New) An immunoreactive fragment of the antibody of claim 25.

27. (New) A hybridoma cell line producing the antibody of claim 25.

REMARKS

Claims 16-24 are allowed. Applicants have hereinabove added new claims 25-27. Support for claim 25 can be found in the specification at, *inter alia*, page 6, lines 10 through 20, page 16, lines 12-20, page 12, lines 1 and 2, and page 20, line 33 through page 21, line 3. Support for claim 26 can be found in the specification at, *inter alia*, page 12, lines 1 and 2. Support for claim 27 can be found in the specification at, *inter alia*, page 16, lines 10-20. Applicants maintain that the addition of these new claims raises no issue of new matter and respectfully request entry of this Amendment.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing the prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorneys invite the Examiner to telephone them at the number provided below.

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No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Amendment. However, if any fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,



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